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REMINDER TO MUBARAK OF EGYPT

In a statement issued today, the Islamic Council seized the opportunity of Mubarak's visit to London to denounce his despicable regime in Egypt.

The Council stated that blatant violations of human rights have been incessant in Egypt since Mubarak came to power. Since that very day, he has ruled by emergency laws and resorted to all the apparatus of a police state: special courts; detention without trial; intimidation and torture by his dreaded intelligence and security forces; rigging of elections; disdain of juridical decisions. Moreover, gross mismanagement of the economy and the consequent runaway prices, and rampant corruption, have placed an intolerable burden on the common people, most of whom live below the poverty level.

Worst of all, the Council continued, Mubarak's regime has the blood of hundreds of Egyptians on its hands: only recently scores of young Egyptians were killed by his bloodthirsty special forces in the village of el Kahk. And thousands are held in jails without any recourse to justice.

The Council reminded Mubarak of the winds of freedom and democracy, and the struggle for human rights, which have been sweeping away the dictatorships of Eastern Europe in recent months, and urged him to take heed of them for the good of everyone.

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